

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claim 27 has been amended to correspond with claim 28 in independent form, and claim 28 has been cancelled. Claim 33 corresponds to claim 7 in independent form, claim 7 has been cancelled, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 33 instead of claim 7. Claim 37 corresponds to claim 32 in independent form, and claims 31 and 32 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 3-6, 8-11, 18, 19, 23, 27, 29, 30 and 33-37 are present and active in the application.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-11 and 18-23 are allowable, and that claims 28 and 32 would be allowable if written in independent form. Applicant has placed claims 28 and 32 in independent form, as claims 27 and 37, respectively. Furthermore, applicant has incorporated claim 7 into claim 33, in order to “affirmatively call for the isolation region being formed after the different sacrificial layers are formed on the substrate” as suggested in the Examiner’s comments on page 6 of the Office Action, and effectively placing claim 7 in independent form.

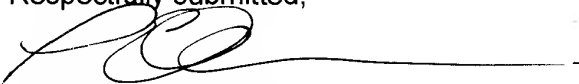
The rejection of claims 27 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Cheng et al. has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 28 has been incorporated into claim 27. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Hong et al. in combination with Liang has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 33 in order to “affirmatively call for the isolation region being formed after the different sacrificial layers are formed on the substrate.” Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned if any outstanding issues remain, so that applicant’s representative may approve any Examiner’s amendment necessary in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Rauch', written over a horizontal line.

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